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'Serving *the Children of the World, one child, one community, at a time*

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The next issue of The Kiwordian will be Thursday 05 November, 2026.

There will be no Kiwanian published on 29 October, 2026 as that is our Club Board meeting. All Middlesex Kiwanis members are welcome to attend the Board meeting.

We meet Thursday mornings at 10 am @ the Kiwanis Seniors Centre, 78 Riverside Dr. London ON
PARKING IS FREE AT THE KIWANIS CENTRE

October Birthdays
03 Sandra Collier, Grant Knox, 13 Millie Norry.

October Anniversaries
09 Andre and Carol Cote

Future Programs

29 October – President Biserka Mrzljak Club Board meeting
05 November – Hon. Ed Holder -Remembrance Day Service
12 November – Brenda Martin, President Forest City Kiwanis 'Update on the fundraising project of Children's Hospital oncology.
19 November- Jena Dempsy 'Overview of Mission Services, plus Summer Camp'

50/50 Winner this week - Ken Brown

Program for 22 October 2026



Sarah Finch, Executive Director of Investing in Children who was introduced by Biserka Mrzljak told us she is the only full time employee of this charity but they have some part time staff. They have a number of programs which operate at various sites throughout London and Middlesex County. Any child or youth can participate in their programs as there is no economic barrier and the programs are all free. The mission of investing in children is they are committed to improving the well being and learning of all children, youth and families. Their vision is they collaborate with our local communities to provide inclusive opportunities for children and youth to thrive emotionally, physically, arterially and academically. Our impact will support all children to reach their full potential and accomplish their goals. Some of the programs offered by Investing in Children include: Since 2005 Family Literacy and Math events for families and children in Jk to 3 in their schools and each program includes 10 to 12 hands on activity stations. Nutrition Programs, 25,558 healthy snacks were provided during the agency's 2026 healthy snack program. About 1000 young people grades 7 to 10 have learned to play the guitar in the free guitar program over a ten week period. For over 20 years Investing in children have co sponsored Special Olympics where over 1100 students participate along with 1,000 of their peer support students. Biserka Mrzljak thanked Sarah for her presentation.

Directors Reports & Club Activities

Christmas Cake Sales

Millie Norry announced she and Andre Cote have decided to co-direct the Middlesex Kiwanis cake sales fundraiser. Venues and dates for the sales to be announced. Products for sale will be determined when Millie and Andre see what the suppliers have for sale. Those helping with the sale of goods can sit down for their entire shifts.

We welcome people who are not Middlesex Kiwanis members and wish to help us staff our tables at various London locations. Contact Millie Norry if you know anybody who wishes to help us.



Chocolate Bars Fundraiser

Millie Norry has chocolate bars for sale as a fund raiser for the Pediatric oncology Department at the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario. $6.00 for one bar, $10 for two bars.

Some Attendees at the 22 October 2026 Kiwanis meeting





Thank you

Over the past few years many of the winners of the 50/50 have turned their winnings or a portion of their winnings back to the club. This has kept a healthy balance in our admin account

Fines and Happy Bucks

Happy Bucks are a way our club members sharing with other members happy events in their lives. We all have a club badge and we are supposed to wear it at all meetings which is a way for new members and guests to get to know our names. The small fine for not wearing your badge is just a token and another way along with happy bucks of raising money to off set club administration costs.

Kiwanis Education 22 October, 2026

From a community, a national and international standpoint, Kiwanis stands for a better life and a better world. In this strife-torn and changing era, in which we live there is a more pressing need than ever for an organization of the character of Kiwanis. – Arthur M Ford, President Kiwanis Club of London 1922. Via Kiwanis, page 60

Sunshine Report

John Longworth will not be able to contribute to the sunshine report before the November 5th issue because he and his wife Mary are on a cruise in the Greek Islands. Sandra Collier talked to Jean Keith who said she had a good summer and spent most of it at her

family cottage. Jean said her sister Mary Leatham is still living at Fox Hollow and enjoys the activities there. Sandra also talked to Mary Jane Mudge who is still enjoying living at Chesley Park in spite of having to move to the retirement part of Chesley Park so Mary Jane could still have the opportunity to eat her meals in the dining room. She said if she had stayed in the apartments she would have had to start providing her own meals.



<u>From our Archives</u> December 2023
Selling Christmas cakes at Cherry Hill Mall, Carol and Andre Cote and Donna Jamieson (wearing red tuk).

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